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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PCAP, SHUM, KS, US
SUBJ: WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION FOR KOREAN NATIONAL POLICE

REF: A) SEOUL 2571, B) STATE 151633

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED VISIT JUNE 19 FROM CAPTAIN PAK BONG-SON, OF KOREAN NATIONAL POLICE, REGARDING 1977 REQUEST FOR AMMUNITION AND WEAPONS FOR POLICE USE, OUTLINED REF A. PAK SAID THAT SOME ITEMS, THOSE USED FOR GUARDING IMPORTANT INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES, HAD BEEN APPROVED, BUT THAT THE BASIC POLICE TRAINING AMMUNITION (300,000 ROUNDS OF .38 CALIBER) AND 137 REVOLVERS FOR NEWLY ESTABLISHED POLICE STATIONS, WERE STILL PENDING (AS WELL AS 120 REPLACEMENT GRENADE LAUNCHERS FOR COMBAT POLICE). PAK NOTED THAT CONTINUED DELAY IN AMMUNITION SHIPMENT THREATENED TO INTERFERE IN POLICE TRAINING PROGRAM, AND THAT FOR LACK OF REVOLVERS SOME POLICE ARE WORKING UNARMED. HE STRESSED THAT KNP HAD ALWAYS ACQUIRED ITS EQUIPMENT FROM THE US BUT INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD SOON BE FORCED TO GO ELSEWHERE FOR ARMS AND AMMUNITION IF THE US COULD NOT PROVIDE IT.

2. THE EMBASSY NOTES FROM REF B THAT THE ITEMS OF CONCERN TO THE KNP APPEAR TO STILL BE UNDER CONSIDERATION. IN OUR VIEW OUR EARLIER REFUSAL TO SUPPLY TEAR GAS TO THE KNP CLEARLY MADE OUR POINT ON OUR HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS.
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WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE REVOLVERS AND AMMUNITION NOW BEING REQUESTED FALL INTO THE SAME CATEGORY. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT LACK OF A DECISION IS HAVING A DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON OUR RELATIONS. SINCE THE KNP APPEARS WILLING TO GO ELSEWHERE IF REQUIRED FOR THESE ITEMS, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BETTER TO MAKE A DECISION NOW, EVEN IF THAT DECISION IS NEGATIVE, AND STOP DRAGGING OUR FEET.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT WE BE ADVISED OF THE DECISION ON REVOLVERS AND AMMUNITION FOR THE KNP ASAP. IF THE DECISION IS NEGATIVE WE WILL PICK UP ON THE KNP WILLINGNESS TO GO ELSEWHERE AND SUGGEST THAT THEY TAKE THIS OPTION.

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